

A new 50 page bill, SB377, will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. in room 303. This is the most threatening marijuana bill that has been presented so far.

1) At the very least it rescinds everything that SB423 put in place. And once again will overrule the voice of the people. The bills revisions will allow grow operations, marijuana shops and advertising. **False**

**Fact:** SB377 amends SB423, ends the legal battles over the issue, and expands the tracking of medical cannabis it in NO way Rescinds SB423. Members of the group safe community safe kids would have you believe that this overrules the will of the people yet this very same group filed a complaint against the attorney general's office for allowing confusing ballot language stating "We have a complaint against the Attorney General's office that the ballot language is misleading. And, we don't think it's right." Please see the following link; <http://www.kulr8.com/news/local/Medical-Marijuana-Ballot-Disagreement-174677431.html> This group also made a failed attempt in 2010 to gather the necessary signatures required to qualify a ballot issue, I-165, to repeal the Montana Medical Marijuana Act adopted by voter initiative in 2004 and essentially overturn the will of the people themselves. Please see the following link; [http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/Archives/2010s/2010/Proposed\\_Ballot\\_Issues.asp](http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/Archives/2010s/2010/Proposed_Ballot_Issues.asp)

2) It creates the infrastructure for an industry which includes taxes that will be distributed by the department to be used for grants for community improvements as well as money for schools, the elderly, and the department of fish, wild life and parks. It grows government! **False**

**Fact:** It creates a realistic and workable regulatory structure. If the business of medical marijuana is to exist it should have a proper regulatory structure put in place to avoid the "wild West" situations. The bill has a fee structure system that will allows funding for governmental programs that are already in place it in no way creates new governmental departments or programs.

3) This bill paves the way for full legalization and is an attempt to firmly entrench the marijuana business into our communities and state. **False**

**Fact:** There is absolutely no language in the bill that would allow for full legalization of marijuana. This bill puts the sideboards and regulations in place for businesses that have been a part of Montana communities since 2004.

4) It will tie the hands of law enforcement as well as state, local and county governments. **False**

**Fact: page 44 Lines 16-19 reads:** "Section 33. Section 50-46-339, MCA, is amended to read: "50-46-339. Law enforcement authority. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to limit a law enforcement agency's ability to investigate unlawful activity in relation to a person with a registry identification card registered pursuant to this part." **Page 43 lines 18-23 read:** (2) A registered cardholder, provider, or marijuana-infused cannabis-infused products provider who, courier, cannabis exchange broker, or the operator of a cannabis testing facility that violates this part is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 \$1,000 or by imprisonment in a county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both, unless otherwise provided in this part or unless the violation would constitute a violation of Title 45. An offense constituting a violation of Title 45 must be charged and prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of Title 45."

5) It implies creating a specific Montana brand of pot. ***False***

***False:*** The bill states that all cannabis sold and distributed in Montana must be grown and produced in the state of Montana and cannot be imported from another state. This is to prevent cartels from other states entering into Montana for the purpose of selling medical cannabis. This will help curtail the black market sales of cannabis in Montana.

This is just a portion of what this bill includes.

It is crucial that you contact the Senate Judiciary committee and ask them to vote against this bill.

Go to this page, fill in your information, check email committee, and select Judiciary Committee. You can send your message to all members of the committee at once. Ask them to vote "NO" on SB377.

<http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/Sessions/63rd/legwebmessage.asp>

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We appreciate your help,

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